

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Original) A method for preparing a puree preparation from *Carica papaya* fruits, comprising:
 cooking the *Carica papaya* fruits in an aqueous medium for at least 30 minutes at normal pressure, wherein the volume of the aqueous medium is at least twice of the water content of the fruits;
 cooling the cooked *Carica papaya* fruits for a period of at least 30 minutes in an oxygen-containing atmosphere; and
 optionally homogenizing the cooled *Carica papaya* fruits by at least one of crushing, mixing and straining the mixture.
2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cooking is carried out for at least 2 hours.
3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the cooling the cooked *Carica papaya* fruits takes place for at least 5 hours.
4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein homogenizing further comprises adding citric acid to the cooled *Carica papaya* fruits in an amount that leads to a pH of the puree ranging from 3.5 to 5.0.
5. (Original) A The method according to claim 1, wherein the *Carica papaya* fruits are peeled and stoned prior to cooking.
6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the obtained puree is pasteurized.
7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the *Carica papaya* fruits are half-ripe to ripe.

8. (Original) A method for treating digestive disorders comprising administering a puree preparation prepared from *Carica papaya* fruits by a the method according to claim 1 in a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount.
9. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein said digestive disorders are selected from the group consisting of chronic constipation, fluctuations and irritable colon syndrome, and any combination thereof.
10. (Original) A method for strengthening immune system comprising administering puree preparation prepared from *Carica papaya* fruits by the method according to claim 1 in a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount.
11. (Original) A method for accelerating wound healing comprising administering a puree preparation prepared from *Carica papaya* fruits by the method according to claim 1 in a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount wherein the wound is caused by ulcer cruris.
12. (Original) A method for reducing the insulin requirement in diabetics, comprising administering a puree preparation prepared from *Carica papaya* fruits by the method according to claim 1 in a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount.
13. (Currently amended) A method for ~~reducing the insulin requirement in diabetics~~ increasing vitality, comprising administering a puree preparation prepared from *Carica papaya* fruits by the method according to claim 1 in a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount.
14. (Original) A method for improving the condition of patients suffering from Parkinson's disease, comprising administering a puree preparation prepared from *Carica papaya* fruits by the method according to claim 1 in a prophylactically or therapeutically effective amount.
15. (Original) A puree preparation prepared from *Carica papaya* fruits by the method according to claim 1.
16. (Original) The puree preparation according to claim 15, characterized in that it has a water content in the range of 9 to 90%.
17. (Original) The puree preparation according to claim 15, characterized in that it has a sugar content in the range of 5 to 40%.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the *Carica papaya* fruits is either crushed or in sieved form.

19. (Original) The puree preparation according to claim 15, characterized in that it has a water content in the range of 70 to 80%.

20. (Original) The puree preparation according to claim 15, characterized in that it has a sugar content in the range of about 12 to 26%.